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TITLE: Conjugates of biologically stable polyfunctional molecules and

polynucleotides for treating systemic lupus erythematosus

## CLAIMS:

- 33. A method for making the conjugate of claim 2 comprising:
- (a) bonding a multiplicity of single-stranded polynucleotides of at least about 20 base pairs each, each of which has a reactive <u>functional</u> group at or proximate one of its termini with <u>functional</u> groups on the <u>polymer</u> to form a <u>conjugate</u>; and
- (b) annealing complementary single-stranded polynucleotides to the single-stranded polynucleotides conjugated to the polymer to form said duplexes.